President.—It is only Rs. 30,000 in all.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—A statement was made like this yesterday or day before yesterday.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I mean 8 lakhs per acre.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—He made such a statement yesterday or day before yesterday.

President.—Personal observations are objected.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I said 8 lakhs an acre.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I asked the question and that answer was given to me.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is exactly how the matter stands.

President.—I think funds are not likely to be available.

Layam road in Ernakulam.

89. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following :—

(1) the length of the Layam road of Ward V of Ernakulam ;

(2) the amount of tax of all kinds assessed and collected from the tax-payers residing on either side of the road for one year ;

(3) the rank of the road regarding assessment of tax in proportion to the lengths of other roads is concerned ;

(4) the amount of money spent to maintain the road in 1104 ;

(5) the total amount spent to maintain the road till now from the date of its opening ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) 890 ft.

(2) Rs. 96—6—2.

(3) Roads are not ranked for purposes of assessment.

(4) About Rs. 30.

(5) About Rs. 1,500.

Article in a Palghat Weekly about the conduct of a clerk in the Police Commissioner's Office, &c.

90. **Dr. A. G. Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) (a) whether its attention has been drawn to an article published in the Prabhatham, dated 25th November 1929, Palghat Weekly Paper—on page 17 regarding the conduct of a clerk in the Police Commissioner's Office ;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made ;

(c) if so, with what result ;

(2) (i) is the attention of the Government drawn to an article published in the same paper of the same date on page 14

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regarding the levy of annas four from every bus starting from Nemmara by the Police there ;

(ii) if so, what action has been taken ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) (a) No.

(b) and (c) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (1) (a).

(2) (i) No.

(ii) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (2) (i).

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is the Government subscribing for this paper, Sir ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not that I know of.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not subscribe.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—After receiving my question, did the Government enquire into the office of the Superintendent of Police ? Probably they might not have read the article in the paper. Did they make any enquiry after the receipt of my question regarding the incident of the motor car ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I could not get hold of a copy of the paper. I made enquiry whether anybody was getting down this paper at Trichur, and I was informed that nobody there was subscribing for that paper.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Did you not inquire about the conduct of the clerk in the office of the Police Commissioner ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—How am I to investigate without getting a copy of the paper ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The second part of the question is very clear. The second part is "..... regarding the levy of annas four from every bus starting from Nemmara by the Police there". You might require to go through the article to give an answer to the first part. But as for the second part it is clearly stated in the question itself.

President.—The contents of the article is stated here. "Levy of annas four from every bus starting from the Nemmara Police there".

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have received no complaint.

President.—Has no complaint reached you ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No; and hence I did not investigate.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There is my complaint. Did the Commissioner of Police enquire into that matter ? No formal complaint might have reached him. Some are afraid to send formal complaints and so the whole thing was put in the paper. And further the attention of the Commissioner has been drawn by me on this matter in the question submitted by me.

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President.—The answer is 'No enquiries have been made'.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—May I hand over to the Commissioner of Police a copy of this particular issue, and may I know whether the Police Commissioner will enquire into that complaint?

President.—Now that the matter has been brought to the notice of the House and the Police Commissioner, no copy need be supplied.

Mr P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is better I have a copy of that particular issue.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I have no connection with this particular paper. Yet I may state that it has a circulation of 1200 to 1500 and everything about the Chittur Taluk will be found in this paper. This paper originates in Palghat and since Palghat is near Chittur everything in Chittur is found there. So may I request the Government to subscribe for this paper?

President.—The Secretary will make a note of it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Noted.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—This copy I may now pass on to the Commissioner. It contains everything about Chittur Taluk, Aylur, Vallanghi, Nemmaral and so many other places.

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